



“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness,
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.”

- Romans 8:26

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ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Please silence cell phones.

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 104

Leader: O Lord, how many and different are the things you have made!

People: The earth is full of your creatures!

Leader: Look at the sea, home to things both great and small.

People: Ships sail upon it, and great whales swim and play.

Leader: The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord.

People: And you give them their food in due season.

Leader: You open your hand,

People: And fill all things living with your goodness.

*HYMN #89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Charles Dickerson

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you offer us yourself. In the stirring of the Spirit you bridge the distance between our hearts and yours. You open our eyes and ears, and awaken us to new possibilities in your love. Help us to be patient with ourselves and each other as we grow in you. Let our prayers be heard. Let our lives reflect your work in us, as you renew the whole creation. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mark Roulette

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Jonathan Chute

*The children are invited to gather at the front for a brief sermon and prayer.
Afterward, they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.*

ANTHEM

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” – arr. Brian Dean
Soprano Gertrude Bradley

Althea Waites

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

April Herron

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY

Charles Dickerson

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

- Romans 8:22-27

The work of the Spirit

Mark Roulette

SERMON

“Pray Like Paul”

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN #375

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Charles Dickerson

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
If you can’t preach like Peter, if you can’t pray like Paul,
Just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

“Holy Now”

3rd service ensemble

THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director
Rev. Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Althea Waites, Organist
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
John Fitzgerald, Treasurer
Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.
Roksolana Vecerek, Exec. Asst. to Pastor
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.
Miguel Portillo, Custodian